

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of a drawing includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Figure 1, the drawing is corrected to show the part of the shaft which connects between the impellers to the balancing piston. Numeral 27 has been added.

REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, the numeral 27 has been added to the specification and the drawing to denote the primary rings of the seals. The attached drawing correction applies to numeral 27 to the drawings as well as connects the balancing piston with the remainder of the shaft at the last stage.

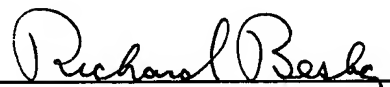
By the foregoing Amendment, the specification has also been amended to include subtitles. The reference to claims in the specification found on pages 4 and 9 have also been deleted.

With respect to the claims, the omnibus type claim 1'2 has been cancelled together with claim 5. The reference to the scroll in original claim 8 has been deleted.

Accordingly, applicants believe that in view of the indicated allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-11 and the curing of the outstanding objections and rejections by the foregoing Amendment, the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance and early notification of the formal allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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